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### OSHA Cites Jacksonville Contractor for Fall Hazards

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** -- The U.S. Labor Department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has cited E. C. Kenyon Construction Company, Inc., for failing to protect employees from fall hazards at a Jacksonville job site. Proposed penalties total \$50,000.

"OSHA conducted an inspection at the Park Street site on June 23, after being alerted that workers were exposed to fall hazards, a leading cause of construction fatalities in Florida," said James Borders, OSHA's Jacksonville area director.

The company received one willful citation, with a proposed penalty of \$44,000, for reportedly directing an employee to work from a suspended scaffold without fall protection equipment, such as an independent lifeline.

OSHA issues a willful citation when an employer has shown an intentional disregard of, or plain indifference to, the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act and regulations.

The contractor was also cited for exposing workers to falls while framing window openings inside the building, which was being renovated. This "repeat" citation has a proposed penalty of \$6,000. OSHA issues a repeat citation when a company has been cited previously for a substantially similar condition and the citation has become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

Kenyon Construction has 15 working days to contest the latest citations and proposed penalties before the review commission. The inspection was conducted by OSHA's Jacksonville area office, located in the Ribault Building, Room 227, 1851 Executive Center Dr. Phone: (904) 232-2895.

OSHA has a compliance assistance program, separate and distinct from its enforcement program, to help employers recognize and reduce fall hazards. Companies are encouraged to contact OSHA for more information.

Employers are responsible for providing a safe and healthful workplace for their employees. OSHA's role is to assure the safety and health of America's workers by setting and enforcing standards; providing training, outreach, and education; establishing partnerships; and encouraging continual

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